

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Barbara J. Powell



Sunrise, July 22, 1935 ~ Sunset, September 4, 2022

Friday, October 14, 2022 | 10:00 am



FUNERAL HOME

3875 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little, but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.

For this is a journey, we all must take,
And each must go alone.

It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to go home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friend we know.

Bury sorrow in doing good deeds,
Miss me-but let me go.

Her Story

Barbara Jean Stewart Powell was born July 22, 1935, to Eugene Benjamin (EB) Stewart (the Late Presiding Northern California State Bishop) and Evangelist Alberta Stewart, in Los Angeles, Ca. She was the youngest of 8 children (6 boys and 2 girls) and was affectionately known by her family as "Loonch." Barbara graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1953. After high school, she attended a Business Trade School and became a Certified Dental Assistant. Barbara subsequently enrolled at LA City College and earned an Associate Degree in Psychology. She also received an invitation to become a member of the Scholastic Fraternal Organization Alpha Phi Omega, the women's honorary organization and Tau Alpha Epsilon, which is an all college honorary society for both men and women. Barbara was invited to become a member by the President of the college, and was named on the Dean's Honor list for maintaining a (GPA of 3.6 or higher).

She later fell in love and married Frederick Powell and she gave birth to a beautiful daughter named Marlette. Barbara worked 35 years at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration (VA) Complex, as a Mental Health Specialist. She specialized in providing treatment, counseling, and mentoring for substance abuse victims. She Retired in September of 1997 and continued to maintain relationships with many of her former colleagues and co-workers, to include her dear friend for life, Ms. Wilma Love. Barbara received the Lord at an early age and was very active in her father's church (the Founder Bishop E.B. Stewart), for 40 years. She worked tirelessly in several capacities to include a pianist, organist, singing in several of the choirs and serving on several auxiliary boards at the great "Mount Olive COGIC," where she established life-long friendships and relationships with her expansive church family.

Barbara loved worshipping the Lord, going to church, listening to gospel music; and eating juicy tomatoes, soul food, and sweet watermelon. Barbara was very competitive and participated in several organized sports including, golf, tennis, and pool/billiards. Her competitive urge was further enhanced when she played billiards with her brothers Thomas and Arthur, whom she usually beat! ☺ Barbara had a deep love of music and often relied on Brother Clavis Ballard to receive a music lesson and/or request several songs and hymns in the form of sheet music. She composed religious music and continuously explored ways to improve her musical knowledge and skills. Barbara always planned to fully master the keyboard and become a minister of music at a church of her choice. I imagine she is now in heaven doing just that! She prided herself on her intellectual acuity and constantly collected books to read and wrote various forms of Christian and Professional reports and memorandums.

Barbara J. Powell is survived by her daughter Marlette Powell, and her brother Arthur L. Stewart and sister-in-law(s) Charlene Stewart and Idonia Stewart. She was preceded in death by 5 brothers (Bishop Benjamin Raydell Stewart, James Stewart, Emmanuel Stewart, Wilbert Stewart and Thomas Stewart); and 1 older Sister, Olivia Stewart Mason. She is survived by a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She maintained lifelong friendships and extended familial relationships, and spoke often with her sister-in-law Charlene Stewart, Mother Martha Cooper, Cousin Allegría (Stewart) Williamson (and Michael), Nieces Aljarita and Rhayeka (Rae Rae) Stewart, co-worker Wilma Love, friend Wanda, her caregivers the Dyer Family (Loretta, Chiquita, Ursula and Kathy), the Ballards, the Robbins, the Smiths, the Stewarts, and a plethora of other Mount Olive and COGIC families (too numerous to name), that she had adopted and bonded with over the years. She often expressed joy in being her mother's primary caregiver during her final, golden years. She had a deep admiration for and was a fervent supporter of Bishop Charles and Lady Mae Blake and the West Angeles Church Family. Barbara prided herself on supporting the less fortunate and contributed to several charitable organizations including the LA Homeless Mission, The Cancer Foundation, National Public Radio, Trinity Broadcast Network, and Mercy Ships, Doctors without Borders. She will be longed missed by family and friends.



- Just Barbara -



Order of Service

Prelude Soft Music – Minister Damon Ray

ProcessionalClergy, Family and Pallbearers

Officiant RemarksPastor/Superintendent Clarence Robbins Jr.

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Isaiah 57 : 1-2Richard Stewart

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15 : 50-57Pastor Robert D. Collier (Stewart)

Ministry of MusicClavis Ballard Quartet

ResolutionBenjamin Stewart

Special Message on behalf of Arthur & Charlene StewartMs. Cheryl L. Stewart

Expressions and Reflections2 minutes.....Wilma Love, long-time friend
Tribute from Mother Martha Cooper
Family & Friends

Video Tribute - Life of Barbara J. Powell

Obituary Reading.....Minister Allegria Stewart-Williamson

Ministry of Music.....“Going up Yonder”.....Damon Ray (and Family)

Eulogy.....Bishop Frank L. Stewart

Remarks & BenedictionBishop Frank L. Stewart

Parting View



Memories





Pallbearers

Benjamin Stewart

Richard Stewart

Tyler Stewart

Stacy Mason

Eric Robbins



Acknowledgements

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Bishop Frank L. Stewart, Pastor Robert D. Collier,
Eric Robbins & his team, Pastor Clarence Robbins, Jr.,
Princess Sykes, Allegría Stewart-Williamson, Doris Brooks,
“Benny Ray Stewart” and “Rae Rae Stewart”,
Melody Stewart Akande, The Dyer Family
and Mr. Joe’s Catering

Interment
INGLEWOOD PARK CEMETERY
720 E. Florence Ave,
Inglewood, CA 90301

Repast
CELEBRITY HALL
206 S. Locust Street
Inglewood, CA 90301
1:00 to 4:30 pm



*Dinner Served at 2 pm (approx.)
Video Tribute at 3:30 (approx.)*